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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Sir:

Regarding the Office Action dated 1 July 2002, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 21-24, to read as follows:

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Figures 2 shows an alignment between the Sp36 amino acid sequence from *S. pneumoniae* strain N4 (SEQ ID NO: 7) and the homologous sequences from *S. pyogenes* (SEQ ID NO: 2) and *S. agalactiae* (SEQ ID NO: 6). Amino acids identical to those of the polypeptide from *S. pneumoniae* are boxed.